

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE 1989 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 89-17, AS AMENDED; AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE FIRE RESCUE ELEMENT (TO REVISE AND UPDATE); AND AMENDING ALL ELEMENTS AS NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 1989 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1989, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners adopted the 1989 Comprehensive Plan by Ordinance No. 89-17;

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners amends the 1989 Comprehensive Plan as provided by Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners have initiated amendments to several elements of the Comprehensive Plan in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the public of Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Local Planning Agency conducted its public hearings on June 18 & 25 and July 9, 2004 to review the proposed amendments to the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan and made recommendations regarding the proposed amendments to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, as the governing body of Palm Beach County, conducted a public hearing pursuant to Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, on July 19, 2004 to review the recommendations of the Local Planning Agency, whereupon the Board of County Commissioners authorized transmittal of proposed amendments to the Department of Community Affairs for review and comment pursuant to Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County received on November 17, 2004 the Department of Community Affairs "Objections, Recommendations, and Comments Report," dated November 15, 2004, which was the Department's written review of the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments; and

WHEREAS, the written comments submitted by the Department of Community Affairs contained no objections to the amendments contained

1 in this ordinance;

2 WHEREAS, on December 13, 2004 the Palm Beach County Board of  
3 County Commissioners held a public hearing to review the written  
4 comments submitted by the Department of Community Affairs and to  
5 consider adoption of the amendments; and

6 WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has  
7 determined that the amendments comply with all requirements of the  
8 Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development  
9 Regulations Act.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
11 COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

12 Part I. Amendments to the 1989 Comprehensive Plan

13 Amendments to the text of the following Element of the 1989  
14 Comprehensive Plan are hereby adopted and attached to this Ordinance  
15 in Exhibit 1:

16 A. Fire Rescue Element, to revise and update;

17 B. Amending all elements as necessary for internal  
18 consistency.

19 Part II. Repeal of Laws in Conflict

20 All local laws and ordinances applying to the unincorporated area  
21 of Palm Beach County in conflict with any provision of this ordinance  
22 are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

23 Part III. Severability

24 If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of  
25 this Ordinance is for any reason held by the Court to be  
26 unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect  
27 the remainder of this Ordinance.

28 Part IV. Inclusion in the 1989 Comprehensive Plan

29 The provision of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part  
30 of the 1989 Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan. The Sections of the  
31 Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such, and the  
32 word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or any other  
33 appropriate word.  
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1                    Part V. Effective Date

2                    The effective date of this plan amendment shall be the date a  
3                    final order is issued by the Department of Community Affairs or  
4                    Administration Commission finding the amendment in compliance in  
5                    accordance with Section 163.3184(1)(b), Florida Statutes, whichever is  
6                    applicable. No development orders, development permits, or land uses  
7                    dependent on this amendment may be issued or commence before it has  
8                    become effective. If a final order of noncompliance is issued by the  
9                    Administration Commission, this amendment may nevertheless be made  
10                   effective by adoption of a resolution affirming its effective status,  
11                   a copy of which resolution shall be sent to the Florida Department of  
12                   Community Affairs, Division of Community Planning, Plan Processing  
13                   Team. An adopted amendment whose effective date is delayed by law  
14                   shall be considered part of the adopted plan until determined to be  
15                   not in compliance by final order of the Administration Commission.  
16                   Then, it shall no longer be part of the adopted plan unless the local  
17                   government adopts a resolution affirming its effectiveness in the  
18                   manner provided by law.

19                   **APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of  
20                   Palm Beach County, on the 13 day of December, 2004.

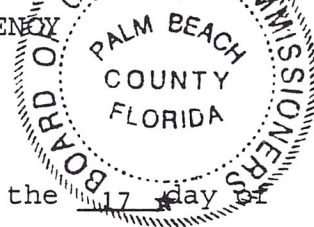
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22                   ATTEST:  
23                   DOROTHY H. WILKEN, Clerk

24                   PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
25                   BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

26                   By: [Signature] By: [Signature]  
27                   Deputy Clerk                   Tony Masiletti, Chairman  
28                                     Addie L. Greene, Vice-Chair

29                   APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

30                   [Signature]  
31                   COUNTY ATTORNEY



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34                   Filed with the Department of State on the 17 day of  
35                   December, 2004.

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## EXHIBIT 1

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### A. Fire Rescue Services Element, Fire Rescue Service Element Revisions

**REVISIONS:** To revise and update in order to clarify intent. The revisions are shown with the added text underlined, and the deleted text ~~struck-out~~.

## II. GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

### OBJECTIVE 1.2 Level of Service: Emergency Response

**Policy 1.2-d:** The County shall maintain a staffing level of personnel in the communications center consistent with the standards set forth in NFPA Pamphlet 1221 (1994) (2002) 2-1.8.1.1, 6.3.1 and 6.4.

~~Staffing Number of Operators: The number of operators shall be as follows:~~

- ~~For jurisdictions receiving 600 or more alarms per year, at least one operator shall be on duty in the communications center. The number of operators shall be sufficient to affect the prompt receipt and processing of and other request for fire department services as follows:~~
  - ~~1) Ninety-five percent of alarms shall be answered within 30 seconds, and in no case shall the initial operator's response to an alarm exceed 60 seconds.~~
  - ~~2) The dispatch of the appropriate fire services shall be made within 60 seconds after the completed receipt of an emergency alarm.~~
  - ~~3) When three or four operators are required to be on duty to meet the performance criteria of 2-1.8.1.1(a)(1) and (2), at least one supervisor shall be on duty in the communications center.~~
  - ~~4) When five or more operators are required to be on duty to meet the performance criteria of 2-1.8.1.1(a)(1) and (2), then the supervisor on duty shall be in the operations room.~~

**Policy 1.2-f:** The County shall maintain sufficient training personnel to provide at least ~~30~~ 100 contact hours annually for each operations employee.

### OBJECTIVE 1.4 Intergovernmental/Inter-Agency Cooperation

**Policy 1.4-c:** The County shall bi-annually review ~~annually~~, and update, if necessary, procedural coordination and policy development with the Department of Emergency Management to respond more effectively to large scale manmade and natural disasters.

**Policy 1.4-d:** Coordinate Emergency Service Functions (ESF's) 4-firefighting, and 9-urban search and rescue and 10-hazardous materials functions for the County Division of Emergency Management in the event of a hurricane or other disaster.

## III. EXISTING CONDITIONS

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The Fire-Rescue Facilities Map presents the current distribution of Palm Beach County fire stations as of ~~1995~~ 2003. This configuration provides an acceptable response pattern for each zone and creates a manageable workload for each station.

While travel distance is a key ingredient in the placement of fire facilities, it is not the only component in response time - as experienced by the citizens we serve. There are two other components that must be managed efficiently in order to mitigate emergencies in a timely manner. They are dispatch handling time and turnout time. Together with travel time, these three elements capture the amount of time between the citizen dialing 9-1-1 and emergency units arriving on the scene to initiate intervention

techniques.

**Service Population:** With a service population in ~~4995~~ 2003 estimated to be ~~471,167~~ 653,104 and a total of ~~842~~ 926 operational personnel, the ratio of firefighters to population is 1.41 firefighters Fire-Rescue employees to population ~~is 1.43 per 1,000 per thousand population~~. Also, approximately 100 volunteers act as a supplement to the career personnel.

**Staffing:** Because fire or medical emergencies occur at all hours, emergency personnel must be available on a 24-hour basis. As a result of this, the fire service utilizes a platooning system. This arrangement provides for personnel to be on duty for a continuous 24-hour period and then be relieved by another. In addition, each battalion has one supervisory personnel who works a 40-hour week schedule and responds to emergency incidents on an "on-call" basis. "Daily Firefighting Strength" in ~~4995~~ 2003 was ~~444~~ 200. This is the actual number of personnel available for emergency response throughout the respective battalions.

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STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH  
I, SHARON R. BOCK, Clerk and Comptroller  
certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original  
filed in my office on December 13, 2004  
dated at West Palm Beach, FL on 1/28/05  
By: Diane Brown  
Deputy Clerk